

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled.)

Please add new claims 5-14 as follows:

5. (New) A veterinary syringe, comprising a base body, on the front side of which a syringe barrel receiving the medicament is arranged while a guiding element for a plunger rod that is guided therein so as to be movable in a longitudinal direction is arranged on the rear side thereof, and one end of said plunger rod, to which a plunger is attached, extends into the syringe barrel, said syringe further comprising a handle for holding the syringe, an operating lever, one end of which is pivotably attached to the lower part of the handle while the other end thereof is guided within the bottom side of the guiding element and engages with a toothed rack via a spring-biased catch, said toothed rack being disposed on the bottom side of the plunger rod, and a locking device for the plunger rod which engages with the toothed rack is provided as a locking slider disposed inside the guiding element so as to be movable in a vertical direction at the end thereof, is provided with an opening through which the plunger rod is guided and extends into

the toothed rack from below, locking said toothed rack so as to prevent it from withdrawing, wherein said locking slider can be moved from the locked position into a released position for the toothed rack and can be maintained in said released position by means of an actuator, wherein the locking slider being extended so as to protrude out of the bottom of the guiding element toward the operating lever, said extension comprising a bore, by a locking pin being provided on the operating lever, which is arranged parallel to the plunger rod, and by the locking pin extending into the bore, in the resting position of the operating lever, when the locking slider is pressed down through the guiding element all the way to the locking pin against the force of a spring.

6. (New) A veterinary syringe according to claim 5, wherein the locking slider is made of a resilient material.

7. (New) A veterinary syringe according to claim 5, wherein the locking pin is maintained in the operating lever in a lengthwise displaceable manner along its axial direction under the pressure of a spring.

8. (New) A veterinary syringe according to claim 5, wherein the locking slider has its upper end attached to a push-button, which is supported in the guiding element and vertically movable against the pressure of a spring.

9. (New) A veterinary syringe having a front side and a rear side, the syringe comprising:

a syringe barrel at said front side for receiving a medicament,

a plunger rod movable in a longitudinal direction within the syringe barrel and out the rear side,

a handle for holding the syringe,

an operating lever positioned adjacent the handle and operable to move the plunger rod forward,

a toothed rack associated with the plunger rod and extending parallel therewith,

a locking device comprising a slider movable in a direction transverse to the plunger and the toothed rack and releasably engageable with the toothed rack for restricting the movability of said toothed rack and plunger in the rearward direction, and

a locking pin in the operating lever for releasably securing the slider in a position disengaged with the toothed rack.

10. (New) A veterinary syringe of claim 9 wherein when the locking slider of the locking device is disengaged with the toothed rack and the operating lever is actuated, the sliding device then engages with the toothed rack.

11. (New) The veterinary syringe according to claim 9, wherein the locking slider is made of a resilient material that flexes to become engaged with the locking pin.

12. (New) The veterinary syringe according to claim 9, wherein the locking pin is maintained in the operating lever in a lengthwise displaceable manner along its axial direction under the pressure of a spring.

13. (New) The veterinary syringe according to claim 9, wherein the locking slider has its upper end attached to a push-button and vertically movable against the pressure of a spring.

14. (New) A veterinary syringe having a front side and a rear side, the syringe comprising:

a syringe barrel at said front side for receiving a medicament,

a plunger rod movable in a longitudinal direction within the syringe barrel and out the rear side,

a handle for holding the syringe,

an operating lever positioned adjacent the handle and operable to move the plunger rod forward,

a toothed rack associated with the plunger rod and extending parallel therewith,

a locking means for the plunger and toothed rack positioned at the rear side.